

Amdt. dated March 22, 2005
Reply to Office action of Dec. 22, 2004

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner rejected claims 1-48 under 35 U.S.C. §101 ("Section 101") on the grounds that certain of the claims include steps that could be performed by a person. During the phone interview, amendments were discussed to the method and article of manufacture claims to emphasize that the claimed operations were computer implemented. Applicants note that the system claims 17-32 are directed toward a system.

Applicants amended claims 1 and 9 to recite that the method is "computer implemented" and amended claims 33 and 41 to recite that the code is executed by a computer and executed to perform the claimed operations. The Examiner indicated that the above made amendments would likely overcome the Section 101 rejection. Applicants submit that the above amendments clarify that the operations are "computer implemented" and comply with Section 101.

Applicants request that the Examiner contact him if he has further questions concerning whether the claims comply with Section 101.

Conclusion

For all the above reasons, Applicant submits that the pending claims 1-48 are patentable over the art of record. Applicants submit herewith the fee for a one-month extension of time. Nonetheless, should any additional fees be required, please charge Deposit Account No. 09-0460.

The attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact him at (310) 553-7977 if the Examiner believes such contact would advance the prosecution of the case.

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